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# Status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the first part of its resumed session

## Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note lists the documentation to be considered by the Fifth Committee during the first part of its resumed session and indicates the status of documentation requested as at 9 February 2000. Where documents have not been issued to date, estimates of the dates of their submission and issuance have been indicated.

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# Annex

## Items/questions and related documents for consideration during the first part of the resumed session

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| **Item 118. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** | | | | | | |
| | **Results-based budgeting** | | | | | |
| A/54/456 and Add.1-5 | Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive and analytical report on results-based budgeting (General Assembly resolution 53/205, paras. 7 and 8) | 11 Oct. | 11 Oct.<br>12 Oct. | 27 Oct.<br>15 Nov. | Issued | PPBD |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| A/54/287 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based budgeting: the experience of United Nations system organizations (General Assembly resolution 53/205) | 31 Aug. | | 13 Oct. | Issued | JIU |
| A/54/287/ Add.1 | Comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based budgeting: the experience of United Nations system organizations (A/54/287) (General Assembly resolution 53/205) | | 5 Nov. | | Issued | DM/PPBD |
| | **Gratis personnel** | | | | | |
| A/53/1028 | Report of the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel covering 1 April to 30 June 1999 (General Assembly resolution 51/243) | | | | Issued | OHRM |
| A/54/470 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | 15 Oct. | Issued | ACABQ |

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| A/54/533 | Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities containing both the annual report, covering 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999, and the quarterly report, covering 1 July to 30 September 1999, and indicating nationality, duration of service and function performed | 15 Oct. | 8 Nov. | 19 Nov. | Issued | OHRM |
| Oral statement | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (relating to A/54/533) | | | | | ACABQ |
| A/54/734 | Letter dated 27 January 2000 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly | | | | Issued | SG |
| A/C.5/54/__ | Report of the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel from 1 October to 31 December 1999 (General Assembly resolution 51/243) | 15 Feb. | | | | OHRM |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| | **Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission** | | | | | |
| A/54/710 | Report of the Secretary-General on regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/252, para. 9) (see also agenda item 164) | | | | | |
| A/54/695 | Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission | 31 Aug. | 29 Dec. | 3 Feb. | Issued | OLA/ OHRM |

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| | **Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms** | | | | | |
| A/49/368 and Corr.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Board of Auditors on the implications of extending the term of office of members of the Board (General Assembly resolution 48/216 D) | | | | Issued | BOA |
| A/49/471 and Corr.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views of the Board of Auditors on improving oversight functions (General Assembly resolution 48/218 A and decision 47/454) | | | | Issued | BOA |
| A/49/633 | Report of the Secretary-General on review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 48/221 and decision 47/454) | | | | Issued | DM |
| A/51/674 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note from the Joint Inspection Unit containing its updated and additional views on the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms (General Assembly decisions 47/454 B and 48/493 A) | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/53/171 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/53/171/ Add.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/53/171) | | | | Issued | ACC |

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| A/53/670 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on more coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system | | | | Issued | ACABQ |
| A/54/16 | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session (paras. 617-620) | | | | Issued | DM |
| | **Outsourcing practices at the United Nations** | | | | | |
| A/51/804 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of outsourcing practices at the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 50/214, sect. III, para. 55) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/338 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system" | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/52/338/ Add.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/338) | | | | Issued | ACC |
| A/53/818 | Report of the Secretary-General on outsourcing practices, taking into account the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/338) and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/813) (General Assembly resolution 52/226 B, para. 2) | | | | Issued | DM/ CSS |
| A/53/942 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on outsourcing practices | | | | Issued | ACABQ |

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| A/C.5/54/18 | Note by the Secretary-General on internal and external printing practices at the Organization (A/54/7, chap. I, para. 78) | 14 Oct. | 25 Oct. | 25 Oct. | Issued | DGAACS/ PPBD |
| A/54/7/ Add.5 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | 3 Dec. | | Issued | ACABQ |
| | **Procurement reform** | | | | | |
| A/52/887 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the procurement of Lysol by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/1010 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inquiry into allegations of insufficient use of expertise in procurement planning of aviation services in peacekeeping missions (General Assembly resolution 51/231) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/54/650* | Report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform: definition of exigency needs (General Assembly resolution 54/14, para. 18) | | 3 Dec. | | Issued | CSS |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| | **Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization** | | | | | |
| A/53/811 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of theft of funds by a staff member of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS/ CMIU |

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| A/54/__ | Report of the Secretary-General on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (General Assembly resolution 53/225) | 28 Feb. | | | | DM/ OUSG/ MPO/ OHRM |
| A/54/669 | Report of the Secretary-General on losses of United Nations property in peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997, including accountability procedures to deter such losses (General Assembly resolution 53/230, paras. 5 and 6) (see also agenda items 132 and 148) | 24 Sep. | 14 Dec. | 22 Dec. | Issued | FALD/ PKFD |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| | **Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services** | | | | | |
| A/52/1020 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the commercial insurance programmes (General Assembly decision 51/468 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/53/467 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the United Nations health insurance programme (General Assembly decision 51/468 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/339 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the alleged conflict of interest within the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |

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| A/52/339/ Add.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/339) | | | | | |
| A/52/821 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/776 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the regional commissions (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/777 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of programme management in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/51/933 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices of the secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B and decision 52/483) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/575 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933) (General Assembly decision 52/483) | | | | Issued | JIU |

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| A/53/811 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of theft of funds by a staff member of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS/ CMIU |
| A/54/157 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of common services in the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | 9 July | 17 Sep. | Issued | OIOS |
| A/54/157/ Add.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/54/157) | | 30 Sep. | 20 Oct. | Issued | JIU |
| A/54/334 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | Aug. | 9 Sep. | 18 Oct. | Issued | OIOS/ CMIU |
| A/54/334/ Add.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/54/334) | | 30 Sep. | 20 Oct. | Issued | JIU |
| A/54/367 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the field office in Lebanon of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | 21 Sep. | 20 Oct. | Issued | OIOS |

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| A/54/410 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management audit of the conference centres at the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | 30 Sep. | 28 Sep. | 22 Oct. | Issued | OIOS/ AMCD |
| A/54/413 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations concerning an electronic commerce project at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | 21 Sep. | 29 Sep. | 22 Oct. | Issued | OIOS/IS |
| A/54/764 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up to the 1997 review of the programme and administrative practices of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | | |
| | **Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit** | | | | | |
| A/53/787 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva (General Assembly decision 53/474) | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/54/635 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Conferences on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/53/787) | 15 Oct. | 26 Nov. | 15 Dec. | Issued | DESA |

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| A/54/288 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery (General Assembly resolution 31/192) | | 30 Aug. | | Issued | JIU |
| A/54/288/ Add.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/54/288) | | 10 Nov. | | Issued | DESA |
| | **Improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee** | | | | | |
| A/C.5/52/ L.58 | Proposals submitted by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee on improving the working methods of the Committee | | | | Issued | DM |
| **Item 119. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999** | | | | | | |
| | **Integrated Management Information System** | | | | | |
| A/54/474 | Eleventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (General Assembly resolution 53/219) | 4 Oct. | 15 Oct. | 15 Nov. | Issued | DM/CSS |
| A/54/7/ Add.4 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Integrated Management Information System project | | | | Issued | ACABQ |
| **Item 120. Programme planning** | | | | | | |
| A/54/16 | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session | | | | Issued | DM |

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| A/C.5/54/12 | Note by the Secretary-General on the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation regarding a rule that gives guidance to programme managers for better implementation of regulation 5.4 (A/54/16, para. 48) | 4 Oct. | 1 Oct. | 8 Oct. | Issued | PPBD |
| **Item 121. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001** | | | | | | |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the high-level intergovernmental event on financing for development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 54/249, para. 104) | 28 Feb. | | | | DESA/ UNCTAD |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| A/54/__ | Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the asbestos problem (General Assembly resolution 54/249, para. 187) | 6 Mar. | | | | CSS |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | |
| | **Letter to the President of the General Assembly** | | | | | |
| A/54/725 | Letter dated 24 January 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly | | | | Issued | ACABQ |

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| **Item 122. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations** | | | | | | |
| A/54/454 | Report of the Secretary-General on improving the financial situation of the United Nations and addenda to be issued | | | | Issued | DM |
| **Item 124. Pattern of conferences** | | | | | | |
| | **United Nations publications** | | | | | |
| A/51/946 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates (General Assembly resolutions 51/211 B and 52/214 B) | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/52/685 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/946) (General Assembly resolution 52/214 B) | | | | Issued | DPI |
| A/53/16 | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-eighth session (paras. 334-352) | | | | Issued | DM |
| A/53/669 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on United Nations publications | | | | Issued | ACABQ |
| **Item 125. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** | | | | | | |
| A/54/11 | Report of the Committee on Contributions | | | | Issued | DM |

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| **Item 127. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services** | | | | | | |
| A/51/432 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of the Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996 (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/51/530 and Corr.1 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/51/801 | Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/52/426 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |

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| A/52/464 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | JIU |
| A/53/428 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | | | | Issued | OIOS |
| A/54/393 | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) | 15 Sep. | 23 Sep. | 22 Oct. | Issued | OIOS |
| **Item 151. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** | | | | | | |
| | **(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** | | | | | |
| | **Death and disability** | | | | | |
| A/C.5/54/47 | Note by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1999 on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for incidents (General Assembly resolution 51/239 A) | | 28 Jan. | 15 Feb. | Issued | PKFD |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |

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| **Item 164. Human resources management** | | | | | | |
| A/53/955 | Report of the Secretary-General on the post structure of the Secretariat, including developments over the past 10 years, the forward-looking human resource management policy intended to be developed in the short and medium term with a view to rejuvenating the Organization, and the impact that such a policy should have on developments in post structure in the future (General Assembly resolution 52/220, sect. I, para. 19) | | | | Issued | OHRM/ DM |
| A/54/257 | Report of the Secretary-General on administrative issuances on delegation of authority containing a consolidated and comprehensive compendium of all such circulars (General Assembly resolution 53/221, sect. IV, para. 9) | 31 Aug. | 20 Aug. | 1 Oct. | Issued | OHRM |
| A/54/279 and Corr.1 | Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the United Nations Secretariat (General Assembly resolutions 45/239 A, 47/226, 49/222 and 51/226) | 31 Aug. | 26 Aug. | 30 Sep. | Issued | OHRM |
| A/C.5/54/2 | Note by the Secretary-General on the competitive examination for promotion to the Professional category of staff members from other categories (see A/C.5/53/SR.54) | 13 Aug. | 11 Aug. | | Issued | OHRM |
| A/C.5/54/ L.3 | Report of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat (General Assembly resolution 49/222) | 31 Aug. | 8 Sep. | 1 Oct. | Issued | OHRM |

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| | **Proposed regulations governing status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission** | | | | | |
| A/54/710 | Report of the Secretary-General on regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/252, para. 9) (see also agenda item 118) | | | | | |
| A/54/695 | Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (General Assembly resolution 52/252, para. 9) (see also agenda item 118) | 31 Aug. | 29 Dec. | 3 Feb. | Issued | OLA/ OHRM |
| | **Consultants** | | | | | |
| A/C.5/54/4 | Report of the Secretary-General on consultants and individual contractors hired by the United Nations during 1998 (General Assembly resolution 53/221, sect. VIII, para. 4) | 31 Aug. | 24 Aug. | 29 Sep. | Issued | OHRM |
| | **Personnel practices and policies** | | | | | |
| A/C.5/54/21 | Note by the Secretary-General on personnel practices and policies (A/54/7, chap. I, paras. 103-104) (see also agenda item 121) | 1 Dec. | 18 Oct. | 25 Oct. | Issued | OHRM/ PPBD |
| A/54/450 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on human resources management | | 7 Oct. | | Issued | ACABQ |

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| | **Gratis personnel** | | | | | |
| A/53/1028 | Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments containing the quarterly report on the use of type II gratis personnel covering 1 April to 30 June 1999 (General Assembly resolution 51/243) | | | | Issued | OHRM |
| A/54/470 | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (relating to A/53/1028) | | | 15 Oct. | Issued | ACABQ |
| A/54/533 | Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities containing both the annual report, covering 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999, and the quarterly report, covering 1 July to 30 September 1999, and indicating nationality, duration of service and function performed (General Assembly resolution 51/243, para. 12) | 15 Oct. | 8 Nov. | 19 Nov. | Issued | OHRM |
| Oral statement | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (relating to A/54/533) | | | | | ACABQ |
| A/54/734 | Letter dated 27 January 2000 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly | | | | Issued | SG |
| A/C.5/54/__ | Report of the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel from 1 October through 31 December 1999 (General Assembly resolution 51/243) | 15 Feb. | | | | OHRM |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |

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| **Item 169. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor** | | | | | | |
| A/54/__ | Performance report for the period from 5 May 1999 to 30 November 1999 (General Assembly resolution 54/20) | 14 Feb. | | | | PPBD |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| **Item 173. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor** | | | | | | |
| A/54/__ | Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Transitional Administration, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources until the time of the submission of the report (General Assembly resolution 54/246, para. 15) | 25 Feb. | | | | PKFD |
| A/54/__ | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | | | | | ACABQ |
| **Item 17 (f). Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee** | | | | | | |
| A/54/106 | Note by the Secretary-General on appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee | | | | Issued | DM |
| A/C.5/54/10/Add.1 | Appointment of a member and alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee | | | | Issued | DM |

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# Organization of work

## Note by the Bureau

1. It may be recalled that by its decision 54/462 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly decided that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of a number of agenda items at its resumed session.

2. In addition, on the basis of recommendations of the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly requested a number of reports from the Secretariat for consideration by the Committee during the first part of its resumed session.

3. After consultation with the relevant departments and offices of the Secretariat on the status of preparation of the newly requested documents and in the light of the information received, the Bureau recommends to the Fifth Committee that it postpone consideration of the following reports to the second part of its resumed session:

**Item 121** **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**

Report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial issues concerning the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, in particular with regard to the number and level of posts in that Section (General Assembly resolution 54/249, para. 93).

**Item 130(a)** **Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission**

Report of the Board of Auditors on a comprehensive audit of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission, in particular the question of payment of mission subsistence allowance (General Assembly resolution 54/18, para. 2).

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the question of payment of mission subsistence allowance (ibid., para. 3).

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**Item 142** **Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (General Assembly resolution 53/212, paras. 5 and 6; A/54/634).

Report of the Secretary-General containing the comments and observations of the Tribunal on the report of the Expert Group (resolution 54/239, para. 5).

**Item 143** **Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (General Assembly resolution 53/212, paras. 5 and 6; A/54/634).

Report of the Secretary-General containing the comments and observations of the Tribunal on the report of the Expert Group (resolution 54/240, para. 5).

4. The Bureau also recommends that the following reports requested for the first part of the resumed session be postponed for consideration at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly:

**Item 121** **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**

Report of the Secretary-General on the development and implementation of a strategy for increasing the utilization of the conference centres at Bangkok and Addis Ababa (General Assembly resolution 54/249, para. 120).

Report of the Secretary-General on the legislative basis and methodology for charging programme support costs for voluntary contributions, in cash or in kind (resolutions 52/220, part III, para. 84, and 54/249, para. 150).

Report of the Secretary-General containing the master plan for capital improvements, including information on the 10-year plan on improvements (resolution 54/249, para. 189).

5. In the light of the foregoing and subject to the approval of the Fifth Committee, the Bureau recommends that the following questions be considered during the first part of its resumed session:

**Item 118** **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Gratis personnel

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission

Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

Outsourcing practices

Procurement reform

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

Improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee

**Item 119** **Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999**

Integrated Management Information System

**Item 120** **Programme planning**

**Item 121** **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**

Resource requirements for the High-level Intergovernmental Event for Financing for Development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Asbestos problem

**Item 122** **Improving the financial situation of the United Nations**

**Item 124** **Pattern of conferences**

United Nations publications

**Item 125** **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**

**Item 127** **Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services**

**Item 151** **Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**

**(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**

Death and disability

**Item 164** **Human resources management**

**Item 169** **Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor**

**Item 173** **Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor**

**Item 17 (f)** **Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee**

6. A list of the documents before the Committee at the first part of its resumed session is contained in document A/C.5/54/L.40.

7. The proposed programme of work for the session is contained in the annex to the present document.

# Annex

## Proposed organization of work of the Fifth Committee at the first part of its resumed session

| *Date/time* | *Agenda item* | |
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| **Week of 13-17 March** | | |
| **Monday, 13 March**<br>10 a.m. | | Organization of work (A/C.5/54/L.40 and A/C.5/54/L.41) |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | **Item 164** | **Human resources management** |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (A/54/695) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | | Followed by informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 164** | **Human resources management** |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on the post structure of the Secretariat, including developments over the past 10 years, the forward-looking human resource management policy intended to be developed in the short and medium term with a view to rejuvenating the Organization, and the impact that such a policy should have on developments in post structure in the future (A/53/955) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on administrative issuances on delegation of authority containing a consolidated and comprehensive compendium of all such circulars (A/54/257) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat (A/54/279 and Corr.1) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General on the competitive examination for promotion to the Professional category of staff members from other categories (A/C.5/54/2) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/54/L.3). |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on consultants and individual contractors hired by the United Nations during 1998 (A/C.5/54/4) |

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| | | Note by the Secretary-General on implementation of personnel practices and policies (A/C.5/54/21) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on human resources management (A/54/450) |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | **Item 164** | **Human resources management** |
| | | *Gratis personnel* |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments containing the quarterly report on the use of type II gratis personnel covering 1 April to 30 June 1999 (A/53/1028) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (relating to A/53/1028) (A/54/470) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities containing both the annual report, covering 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999, and the quarterly report, covering 1 July to 30 September 1999, and indicating nationality, duration of service and function performed (A/54/533) (see A/C.5/54/SR.39) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (oral statement relating to A/54/533) |
| | | Letter dated 27 January 2000 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/734) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel from 1 October through 31 December 1999 (A/C.5/54/___) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| | | *Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission* |

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| | | Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (A/54/695) |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| | | Report of the Committee on Contributions (A/54/11) |
| | | Letter dated 24 January 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/725) |
| **Tuesday, 14 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the commercial insurance programmes (A/52/1020) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the United Nations health insurance programme (A/53/467) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the alleged conflict of interest within the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and addendum transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/339 and Add.1) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (A/52/821) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the regional commissions (A/52/776) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of programme management in the |

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| | | Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division (A/52/777)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices of the secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/51/933)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933) (A/52/575)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of theft of funds by a staff member of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/53/811)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of common services in the United Nations and addendum transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon (A/54/157 and Add.1)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and addendum transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon (A/54/334 and Add.1)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the field office in Lebanon of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/54/367)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report (A/54/367) of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management audit of the conference centres at the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (A/54/410)<br><br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations concerning an electronic commerce project at the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development (A/54/413) |

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| | **Item 127** | **Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services**<br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996 (A/51/432)<br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/530 and Corr.1)<br>Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (A/51/801)<br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (A/52/426)<br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/464)<br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (A/53/428)<br>Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/393) |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| **Wednesday, 15 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations |
| | **Item 164** | Human resources management<br>*Gratis personnel*<br>*Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission* |

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| 3 p. m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| **Thursday, 16 March** | | ***United Nations holiday – no meetings*** |
| **Friday, 17 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Board of Auditors on the implications of extending the term of office of members of the Board (A/49/368 and Corr.1) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views of the Board of Auditors on improving oversight functions (A/49/471 and Corr.1) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/49/633) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note from the Joint Inspection Unit containing its updated and additional views on the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms (A/51/674) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" and note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/53/171 and Add.1) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on more coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system (A/53/670) |
| | | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session (A/54/16, paras. 617-620) |

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| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 124** | **Pattern of conferences** |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates (A/51/946) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/946) (A/52/685) |
| | | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-eighth session (A/53/16, paras. 334-352) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on United Nations publications (A/53/669) |
| **Week of 20-24 March** | | |
| **Monday, 20 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | **Item 164** | **Human resources management** |
| | | *Gratis personnel* |
| | | *Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission* |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| **Tuesday, 21 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Procurement reform* |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform: definition of exigency needs (A/54/650) |
| | | Revised report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform: definition of exigency needs (A/54/___) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |

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| | | *Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva (A/53/787) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/53/787) (A/54/635) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery and addendum containing the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/54/288 and Add.1) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | **Item 119** | **Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999** |
| | | Eleventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/54/474) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Integrated Management Information System project (A/54/7/Add.4) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | **Item 120** | **Programme planning** |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General on the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation regarding a rule that gives guidance to programme managers for better implementation of regulation 5 4 (A/C.5/54/12) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva (A/53/787) |

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| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/53/787) (A/54/635) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery and addendum containing the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/54/288 and Add.1) |
| | **Item 124** | **Pattern of conferences** |
| | | *United Nations publications* |
| **Wednesday, 22 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Outsourcing practices* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of outsourcing practices at the United Nations (A/51/804) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system" and addendum transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/52/338 and Add.1) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on outsourcing practices, taking into account the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/338) and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/813) (A/53/818) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on outsourcing practices (A/53/942) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General on internal and external printing practices at the Organization (A/C.5/54/18) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7/Add.5) |

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| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Procurement reform* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of the Internal Oversight Services on the review of the procurement of Lysol by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/887) |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inquiry into allegations of insufficient use of expertise in procurement planning of aviation services in peacekeeping missions (A/52/1010) |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform: definition of exigency needs (A/54/650) |
| | | Revised report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform: definition of exigency needs (A/54/___) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| **Thursday, 23 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | **Item 122** | **Improving the financial situation of the United Nations** |
| | | Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management on the financial situation of the United Nations |
| | | Followed by informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services* |
| | **Item 127** | **Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services** |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| **Friday, 24 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Outsourcing practices* |

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| | | *Procurement reform* |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee* |
| | | Proposals submitted by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee on improving the working methods of the Committee (A/C.5/52/L.58) |
| **Week of 27-31 March** | | |
| **Monday, 27 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | **Item 121** | **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001** |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the high-level intergovernmental event on financing for development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/54/___) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| | | Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the asbestos problem (A/54/___) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | | Followed by informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 121** | **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001** |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the high-level intergovernmental event for financing for development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/54/___) |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 120** | **Programme planning** |
| **Tuesday, 28 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | **Item 169** | **Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor** |
| | | Performance report for the period from 5 May to 30 November 1999 (A/54/___) |

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| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | **Item 173** | **Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor** |
| | | Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Transitional Administration, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources up to the time of the submission of the report (A/54/___) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | **Item 151 (a)** | **Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** |
| | | *Death and disability* |
| | | Note by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1999 on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for incidents (A/C.5/54/47) |
| | | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/___) |
| | | *Introduction and general discussion* |
| | | Followed by informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 169** | **Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor** |
| | **Item 173** | **Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor** |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| **Wednesday, 29 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | | *Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services* |

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| | **Item 127** | **Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services** |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 169** | **Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor** |
| | **Item 173** | **Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor** |
| **Thursday, 30 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | **Item 164** | **Human resources management** |
| | | *Gratis personnel* |
| | | *Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission* |
| | | Conclusion of informal consultations |
| 3 p.m. | | Informal consultations on: |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| | | Conclusion of informal consultations |
| **Friday, 31 March** | | |
| 10 a.m. | | Informal consultations on all outstanding issues |
| 3 p.m. | | Action on proposals under the following items: |
| | **Items 118** | **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations** |
| | **Item 119** | **Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999** |
| | **Item 120** | **Programme planning** |
| | **Item 121** | **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001** |
| | **Item 124** | **Pattern of conferences** |
| | **Item 125** | **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** |
| | **Item 127** | **Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services** |
| | **Item 151** | **Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** |
| | **Item 164** | **Human resources management** |

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| | **Item 17 (f)** | **Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee** |
| **Conclusion of the work of the Fifth Committee at the first part of its resumed session** | | |

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**Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations**

# United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates",[1] the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[2] the relevant chapter of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-eighth session[3] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

*Recalling* paragraph 1 of its resolution 52/214 D of 22 December 1997, and taking into account the fact that the General Assembly has not taken any decision on the question of a cost-accounting system,

1. *Endorses* recommendations 2,[5] 3, 10 and 16-18 contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

2. *Endorses* recommendations 4 and 6 of the Joint Inspection Unit, subject to the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 350 of its report;[3]

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[1] A/51/946 and Corr.1.

[2] A/52/685.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/53/16), chap. IV.

[4] A/53/669.

[5] The updated report of the Secretary-General on publications policy, referred to in recommendation 2, should be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

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3. *Endorses* recommendations 13 and 15 of the Joint Inspection Unit as modified by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 19 and 21, respectively, of its report;[4]

4. *Endorses* recommendation 14 of the Joint Inspection Unit, without prejudice to the traditional distribution of printed publications, taking into account paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

5. *Concurs* with paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

6. *Looks forward* to the study of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 43 of his report;[2]

7. *Regrets* that the provision contained in annex II, paragraph 45, of its resolution 52/220 has not been implemented, and requests the Secretary-General to implement this provision as a matter of priority and to report to it at its fifty-fifth session in the context of the item entitled "Pattern of conferences";

8. *Requests* that additional efforts be made to improve concomitantly in all six official languages the linguistic quality and content of United Nations publications;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-sixth session, a report on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution.

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[a] Recommendations 16 and 17 of the Joint Inspection Unit should be understood as pertaining to the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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## Procurement reform: definition of exigency needs

The General Assembly endorses the definition of exigency needs as contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General[1] with the insertion of the words "or management" between the words "poor planning" and "or from concerns".

[1] A/54/650.

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